

State of California  
Regional Water Quality Control Board  
San Diego Region

EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUMMARY REPORT  
September 14, 2005

ITEM: 12

SUBJECT: PUBLIC WORKSHOP: The Regional Board will conduct a public workshop on the reissuance of the San Diego Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order No. 2001-01, CAS0108758). A draft of the permit has not yet been released. The purpose of the workshop is to provide information to the Regional Board members on the San Diego County municipal storm water program in general, as well as the anticipated key topics of the permit reissuance. (*Bob Morris*)

PURPOSE: To provide information to the Regional Board members on the San Diego County municipal storm water program in general, as well as the anticipated key topics of the permit reissuance.

PUBLIC NOTICE: The public was notified of the public workshop in the San Diego Union Tribune on August 31, 2005, on the Regional Board website dated August 30, 2005, and by an interested parties mailing list dated August 26, 2005.

DISCUSSION: The existing San Diego Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order No. 2001-01) is set to expire on February 21, 2006. For this reason, the reissuance process for the next iteration of the permit is well underway. The Regional Board and the San Diego County Municipal Storm Water Permit Copermittees met six times from October 2004 to July 2005 to discuss issues regarding the next permit. On August 25, 2005, the County of San Diego, on the part of the Copermittees, submitted a Report of Waste Discharge in application for the reissuance of the permit. This public workshop will facilitate understanding of the permitting issues prior to the Regional Board's drafting of the next permit.

The focus of the workshop is on the key topics of the permit reissuance that have been identified by the Regional

Board. The key topics to be discussed at the workshop are areas of the permit that need improvement for effective regulation of storm water. These topics have been identified by the Regional Board based upon review of the current Permit, review of the Copermittees' programs, review of the Copermittees' Report of Waste Discharge, and meetings with the Copermittees. The key topics are as follows:

- Copermittee monitoring of urban runoff and receiving water quality;
- Copermittee assessment of the effectiveness of their programs;
- Copermittee management of water quality issues on a watershed basis (Watershed Urban Runoff Management Programs (WURMPs)); and
- Copermittee management of urban runoff from new development (Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs)).

Following this public workshop, the Regional Board will draft and release a tentative permit. After its release, interested parties will be provided the opportunity to provide oral and written comments on the tentative permit. The Regional Board will respond to all comments on the tentative permit that are received. Depending on comments received, the tentative permit may then be edited to accommodate some comments. An opportunity to provide oral comments prior to the Regional Board's consideration of adoption of the tentative permit will also be provided.

For more information on the reissuance of the San Diego Municipal Storm Water Permit, please see Supporting Document No. 1, the Regional Board Report for Public Workshop on Reissuance of the San Diego Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order No. 2001-01).

KEY ISSUES:

1. Copermittee monitoring of urban runoff and receiving water quality
2. Copermittee assessment of the effectiveness of their programs
3. Copermittee management of water quality issues on a watershed basis (Watershed Urban Runoff Management Programs (WURMPs))

4. Copermittee management of urban runoff from new development (Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plans (SUSMPs))

LEGAL CONCERNS: None

SUPPORTING  
DOCUMENTS:

1. Regional Board Report for Public Workshop on Reissuance of the San Diego Municipal Storm Water Permit (Order No. 2001-01)

COMPLIANCE RECORD: All 21 Copermittees recently received Notices of Violation for failure to adequately implement activities which effectively address the highest priority water quality problems in their respective watersheds.

RECOMMENDATION: Receive public comments.